

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1954 – HB 1698**

March 16, 2009

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005074):** Deletes the language of the original bill. Authorizes any non-incumbent certificated provider of local exchange telephone or intra-state long distance telephone service or any incumbent certificated provider of local exchange or intra-state long distance telephone service that has elected price regulation to elect to operate pursuant to market regulation by filing notice of intent with the Tennessee Regulatory Authority (TRA). Limits TRA's jurisdiction over electing providers to authority granted under the federal 1996 Telecommunications Act, any wholesale Self Effectuating Enforcement Mechanism Plan, the collection of inspection fees, video franchises, underground facilities damage prevention, the Tennessee Relay Service Center Program or the Tennessee Devices Access Program, Life Line or Link Up programs, the Small and Minority-Owned Business Participation Plan, for responding to certain customer complaints, Universal Service Funding provisions, and for intrastate switched access service.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:**

Decrease State Revenue –  
\$3,369,400/Tennessee Regulatory Authority

Decrease State Expenditures –  
\$44,800/ Tennessee Regulatory Authority

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**State Revenue – Net Impact – Not Significant**  
**State Expenditures – Net Impact – Not Significant**

Assumption applied to amendment:

- According to TRA, any net change to state revenue and state expenditures resulting from this bill as amended is considered to be not significant.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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